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## Introduction to Science in the Courts

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PROFESSOR HENRY BUTLER: Good afternoon. My name is Henry Butler. I am the Director of the Law and Organizational Economics Center. I would like to welcome you to the University of Kansas and to this program on scientific methodology and the admissibility of expert testimony.

It is a real pleasure to have all of you here. We have put together a program with input from lots of different individuals with varied perspectives on the issues that will be addressed. I would like to start off by telling you a little bit about the Law and Organizational Economics Center and what business we are in, and then we will get on with the show.

The Law and Organizational Economics Center is a joint program of the law school and the business school here at KU. It is governed by a board of directors that consists of the deans of those two schools and me. So part of our academic program is coordinated with those two schools.

Our primary program, and our flagship program, is what we call our Economics Institute for State Judges. This is a two-week-long program and an introduction to economics, finance of counties, statistics, and the scientific method. Its first week is held near Lawrence; its second week is at some place warm in the winter and someplace cool in the summer.

We bring about 250 judges a year to Lawrence to go through this program. Many of the judges here today have participated in the program. The Center provides these programs at very minimal cost to the judges. There is no tuition. We pay the room and board and provide all the reading materials. The judges are responsible for some of their meals, and we share the cost of transportation to get to and from Lawrence and to and from the location in the second week. The way we are able to do this is through contributions to the Center. We have over fifty large corporations that support us and over forty-five private foundations that provide support for this program, for our institutes, and for this program that you are attending today. It is a very broad base of support and the Center's policies and decisions are all made here at the university without any outside influence on how things are done. We take great pride in presenting balanced programs, and I think you will see that in evidence today. There is a special group of judges here that I am not going to single out individually, but for this program we asked, for the first time, for judges who were able to provide for their expenses from some other source than our checking account, to take care of it for themselves. There are a substantial percentage of people here who were able to do that, and we greatly appreciate that. That allowed more people to be able to attend the program, and that is something we may have to continue into the future.

We also have about thirty CLE participants here as well, and I think it will be an enjoyable time

MODERATOR: The Honorable William Ray Price, Supreme Court of Missouri.  
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